

The Sanguinist

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HERE'S SOMETHING TO HELP YOU BE A CATHOLIC MAN

Being a Catholic man is not merely being able to wave a yellow baptismal certificate. It is not the buttons we wear, the clubs we join, the priests we know, nor the little Jane and Johnny who now go to a parochial school. Being a Catholic is more than a St. Christopher medal on the dash board and a Miraculous Medal around the neck. It is not our bank account, it is not our college degree. Being a Catholic is more than any of these.

Being a Catholic is being a follower of Christ, living in Christ's Church, a cell alive in his body. That is a Catholic. He is a man living a double life: a natural life by natural birth into his family, his city, his country; a supernatural life by a spiritual birth into his parish, his diocese and his Catholic world.

In that world "the game" is played without bluffing. It is calling a spade a spade—and a sin a sin. A Catholic bluffer is a whitened sepulcher of respectability without—the rattling bones of a dead soul within.

For the Catholic this honest sense of sin gives a sense of humility. The tragedy of trying to live a Catholic life ought to make a man despair, but because he is really a realist the Catholic knows that only if he loses his life will he ever find it, not here but hereafter.

Being real, the Catholic man will take up the care of the talents he has been given and use them as well as he can. Being no bluffer he won't brag. Knowing how much there is to know he will not be telling everyone he knows it all, and knowing a little about himself, he won't be going around telling everyone about somebody else.

This is the Catholic man. And there is real faith in him. Being real and being humble, the Catholic man is bound to have the faith which makes him big enough to see himself, and little enough to see the Someone who made him. He depends on no man because he depends on God, his way, his truth, his life.

It was Saint Ignatius who prayed that he be made drunk with the Blood of Christ. As a Catholic you can't have a soul that is either pale or pink. It's a man sized job. To be a real Catholic you've got to be a hero and not a hypocrite. The Catholic who has his faith on him like a hat which he can tip politely to the world when the going

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WE'RE FOR

God in all Campus activity.

Frequent Communion and frequent Confession.

Conscience and moral law in Church, on the Campus, on a date, in the court rooms of this nation and all nations.

Rights and DUTIES where they belong.

Plenty of laughs, in the right places, about the right things.

WE'RE AGAINST

Sleepy, sloppy Catholics.

Two sets of morals, one for Sunday, one for weekdays.

Chislers, phonies, stuffed-shirts.

Griping.

Racists and Racketeers (in or out of labor unions.)

Anything that is wrong (to be more fully specified as occasion demands.)

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Handle With Care....

You've seen that warning on packages. And you respect it! You might ruin yourself or the contents of the package if you did not.

The same holds for a few things other than packages too. In particular does it apply to social relations. Better handle your enemy with care! He might explode—in your face. Better take it easy, handle with care, those you know can lead you to regrets.

Especially must you handle with care that girl you took to the movie the other week-end, or the one with whom you danced New Year's eve, or the one whose turning out to be your "one and only." Don't think it odd that this warning is sent. It's important. Every young woman reflects the delicacy of the creative hand of God. In her, God has placed a power without which a man cannot fully fulfill the purpose for which God has placed him upon this earth.

The other evening when you last

danced with her and looked into her eyes, did you see anything familiar there? Wasn't there something about her that reminded you of your mother? Did you ever stop to think that your mother was in the same relationship some twenty years ago? What did your father have to say then, and are you handling this affair in the same manly fashion he must have followed?

Remember, fellows! In every young lady with whom you associate, there is the same secret power that your mother surrendered when she uttered that self-sacrificing: "I do". Keep your conduct in such a way that you will be favored with grace to reach success and happiness in your vocation. Every girl is a symbol of motherhood without which you would not exist, and, more important, she is the symbol of A Virgin Mother, without whom we could not have been redeemed.

MAKE THE RETREAT, MARCH 8 and 9

—MORE ABOUT— CATHOLIC MAN

gets tough, that Catholic is not real and he is not humble. He is the cautious bluffer, "one of the boys", hoarding the chips and never calling a spade a spade—or a sin a sin.

None of us is so perfect that we cannot use a little bit more of this Cath-

olic manhood. The way to develop it? Well, the big means at hand right now is the Retreat, March 8 and 9.

Make up your mind right now to forget all weak sister excuses for skipping; make this retreat as you've never made one before. The Catholic manhood in you cries out for it.



Students today face a grand opportunity as well as a choice during these restless years.

Which brings to mind the story told of a wise old man who lived alone in a cabin in the hills.

He was so gifted with wisdom that the great men of the land came to present problems and questions to which he always gave excellent counsel and the right answers.

One day a giant youth thought he could catch the old man off guard.

He had a little sparrow in his big hand and he was going to ask the old man this question: "Is this bird dead or alive?"

If the wise man said "Alive", he would crush the bird and prove him wrong.

If he said "Dead", he would open his hand and let the bird fly away.

So this youth approached the brilliant old sage with a twinkle in his eye and put forth the question.

The wise old man, without any hesitancy and with a smile, said slowly, "As you will young man, as you will."

So it is with us today.

Unlimited choice is given to us to perform our work either the right way or the wrong way.

We can listen to voices that say "Only a sucker gives full time to his student work."

And many will listen. They will go on into life, always taking the path of least resistance, always taking, without putting anything into life.

Or on the other hand, we can join the company of those who will follow the logic that the more work done, the more real fruits obtained.

The more one studies, the more one learns, the more fully he will appreciate and understand life, and live it to its fullest before God and men.

So your choice is at hand.

"As you will, young man, as you will!"



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YOUNG MAN"**

WHAT IS A CATHOLIC ACTION CELL???

Catholic Action works out its program in small groups. These groups are called cells, because like the cells in our body, they affect everything around them; they grow and are inter-united with all the other cells of the body for its common good. They are centers of influence.

An ideal number in a cell seems to be seven or eight. (Experience has shown that three are almost too few and twelve too many.) These people of course, are from the same environment. Because of the small number, everyone in the cell receives an intense training—a training that a large group would not get. Each is to become a dynamic Christian. Through the centuries many revolutions, some with bad purposes, have succeeded because they have been organized on a small scale basis. CA (Catholic Action) is organized into small compact units, and it, too, will succeed with its revolution—the revolution for peace.

WHEN DO CELLS MEET???

A cell meets every week. The meeting lasts one hour, seldom any longer. Every member takes quite an active part in the meeting.

All members must be present every week. No true member will let anything less than an earthquake or a death in the family keep him from attending a meeting. A person cannot be truly convinced of Catholic Action and give it up now and then. It is disastrous to cells to have members skip meetings for reasons like: "O, but this is a special Movie!" Or "I got a date!" If there is a good reason, the meeting

may be changed to another time. Since we are organized in a battle for the cause of Christ, we cannot absent ourselves from the meetings where the battle is being planned. Indeed, it is very much of an honor that we can be there. "The individual apostolate is no longer enough," says the Holy Father.

WHO IS IN A CELL???

Each cell must have a permanent leader, that is, one lay person who is responsible for the development of the group. He is the spark-plug of the cell. He is the leader of the other leaders about him. He comes to the meeting fully prepared.

He gets the training necessary from the priest moderator. There is need of much team work here—the priest Christianizes and forms the cell leaders: the cell leaders carry it to their team members; and together, the leader, the cell and the team Christianize their surroundings.

The Church found and adopted this "cell technique" when a young Belgian priest, Canon Cardign, in 1924, went to the Holy Father with the plan. Pope Pius XI later said of it: "We offer this movement as a model for Catholic Action." Canon Cardign had started the cell movement among young factory workers. It spread like fire in Belgium, and from there to France. At the Paris Congress in 1937 there were 85,000 members. It began in the United States shortly afterwards.

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